

**Academic Development**

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

**Applying skills needed for educational achievement.**

**Major Points:** The emphasis in this area is developing “academic self efficacy”. This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

**Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.**

**Major Points:** The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

**Developing and monitoring personal plan of study.**

**Major Points:** The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

<b>UNIT DESCRIPTION: Transitioning To Middle School</b>		<b>SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE:</b> 2 Lessons				
Students will review the information about transition and determine if they are ready to transition to middle school. Expectations and skills will be identified to help students be successful in middle school.		<b>CLASS PERIOD:</b> 45 minutes each				
<b>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:</b>						
1. Why do we have certain memories?						
2. How are transitions associated with life?						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. The student will have one successful opening of a combination lock.		AD.5.A.05 Develop an understanding of educational tasks and skills necessary to make a smooth transition to the middle school structure.		RI.5.3 RI.5.4 RF.5.3 RF.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.2 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.5 L.5.6	AD A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.	Level 3
2. The student will complete an activity sheet to self-assess her/his expectations and skills needed to be successful in middle school.		AD.5.A.05		RF.5.3 RF.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.2 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.5 L.5.6	AD A	Level 3

3. The student will identify nine goals for middle school by completing one “Plan of Action” activity sheet.		AD.5.A.05		RI.5.3 RI.5.4 RF.5.3 RF.5.4 W.5.1 W.5.2 W.5.8 SL.5.1 SL.5.2 SL.5.4 L.5.1 L.5.2 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.5 L.5.6	AD A	Level 3
4. The student will develop a plan of action for one goal to accomplish before transitioning to middle school.		AD.5.A.05		RI.5.3 RI.5.4 RF.5.3 RF.5.4 W.5.1 W.5.2 W.5.8 SL.5.1 SL.5.2 SL.5.4 L.5.1 L.5.2 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.5 L.5.6	AD A	Level 3
<b>ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*:</b>  Students will learn to open a combination lock. Students will identify nine goals for transitioning to middle school and develop a plan of action for one goal.						

<b>Obj. #</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)</b>				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1	See Lessons:				
2	Lesson 1 Middle School Here I Come! (Part 1)				
3	Lesson 2 Middle School Here I Come! (Part 2)				
4					
<b>Obj. #</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)</b>				
1	See Lessons:				
2	Lesson 1 Middle School Here I Come! (Part 1)				
3	Lesson 2 Middle School Here I Come! (Part 2)				
4					
	<b><u>Direct:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking (Ls. 2)	<b><u>Indirect:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation (Ls. 1, 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<b><u>Experiential:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<b><u>Independent Study</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<b><u>Interactive Instruction</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1, 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
<b>UNIT RESOURCES:</b>					
Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from <a href="http://www.corestandards.org/">http://www.corestandards.org/</a>					

